In the Footsteps of Egeria: A Holy Land Pilgrimage to Places, Peoples and Peace

January 4-20, 2016  17 Days
with optional extension to Jordan
January 20-23

Led by Dr. Thomas Schattauer
DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

MON 04 JAN  Depart U.S.
A meaningful journey of learning and discovery begins today. Depart Chicago O’Hare and connect in Philadelphia with the overnight flight to Tel Aviv via US Airways. (Meals in-flight)

TUE 05 JAN  Arrive Tel Aviv/Bethlehem
Arrive at mid-afternoon in Tel Aviv where your guide and driver are waiting to transfer the group to Bethlehem. Time permitting, enjoy a walking tour of Bethlehem’s Old City including Manger Square. Gather for a welcome dinner this evening. Lutheran Guesthouse with overflow to Grand (Meals in-flight, D)

WED 06 JAN  Bethlehem
This morning attend the Epiphany Mass at St. Catherine’s Church. Afterward witness the entrance of the Greek Patriarch at the Church of the Nativity for the beginning of the Orthodox Christmas celebrations (tomorrow is Christmas Day in the Orthodox calendar). This afternoon have a conversation over lunch with Zoughbi Zoughbi, Director of the WAC Center for Conflicct Resolution. After the talk, visit Aida Refugee Camp where Palestinians have lived since being forced from their homes in 1949. Tonight return to Manger Square for Christmas Eve celebrations. Lutheran Guesthouse with overflow to Grand (B, L, D)

THU 07 JAN  Bethlehem
This morning visit Efrat for a tour of this Israeli settlement led by one of its residents. Drive to Hebron to visit the Tombs of the Patriarchs (traditional burial site of Abraham and Sarah) at the Ibrahim Mosque. Tour this complex Palestinian city with either the Hebron Rehabilitation Com- mission (HRC) or the Ecumenical Accompaniment Program in Palestine and Israel (EAPPI). Visit the hilltop fortress of King Herod (Herodium) en route to Bethlehem. Lutheran Guesthouse with overflow to Grand (B, L, D)

FRI 08 JAN  Bethlehem
Tour the International Center of Bethlehem (ICB). Visit Dar Al-Kalima College and Dar Al-Kalima Health and Wellness Center. Both are outgrowths of the ICB, intended to promote the healthy development of the local community, Christians and Muslims alike, to take their place in the Palestinian future. Meet with the Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb during lunch to hear about the role of Palestinian Chris- tians in the Holy Land. Continue for a visit at Shepherds Fields and a Bedouin tent dinner. Lutheran Guesthouse with overflow to Grand (B, L, D)

SAT 09 JAN  Bethlehem/Galilee
Visit Qasr al Yahud on the Jordan River, a baptismal site near Jericho. Then travel to Masada where, on this rocky plateau, the Zealots held their last resistance against the Roman conquerors. Continue on to the Dead Sea, the lowest point on earth. Later visit Qumran to see the actual caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. On the return to Bethlehem drive by Mar Saba Monastery. Lutheran Guesthouse with overflow to Grand (B, D)

SUN 10 JAN  Bethlehem
Worship and enjoy fellowship with members of the Lutheran Church of the Reformation in Beit Jala, where Wartburg graduate Saliba Rishmawi is pastor. Gather for a fellowship lunch (cost not included). Some may choose to remain in Bethlehem, and attend worship there, including at Christmas Lutheran, where Mitri Raheb is pastor. The rest of the afternoon is at your leisure for personal reflection and individual pursuits. Later this afternoon visit the Mosque of Omar. Back at ICB meet with Dr. Rahman Abbad for a discussion of Islam. Lutheran Guesthouse with overflow to Grand (B, L, D)

MON 11 JAN  Bethlehem/Galilee
Depart Bethlehem and drive to Nazareth to visit the Mary of Nazareth International Center. Celebrate holy communion in the chapel overlooking the Basilica of the Annunciation. Visit the Basilica and the museum and excavations there, followed by a visit to the Church of St. Joseph. Continue to the Sea of Galilee to check in at your hotel for dinner and overnight. Pilger Haus (B, D)

TUE 12 JAN  Galilee
This morning reach the first century “Jesus Boat” at Nof Ginosar Kibbutz, followed by a boat ride on the peaceful waters of the Galilee. Visit the Ancient Synagogue and St. Peter’s House at Capernaum. Then, drive along the north shore to Tabgha to visit the Church of the Multiplication and the Chapel of the Primacy of Peter. Pilger Haus (B, D)

WEB 13 JAN  Galilee
Begin the day at the Church of the Beatitudes, one of the most beautiful in the Galilee region. Then, visit the excavations at Chorazim before driving north, near the Lebanon border. Visit Tel Dan and Banias Springs (Caesarea Philippi), a source of the Jordan River. Pilger Haus (B, D)

THU 14 JAN  Jerusalem
Meet with former Archbishop Elias Chacour in Ibilin. Abuna Chacour was the Archbishop of the Melkite Greek Catholic Church in the Galilee, an ambassador for non-violence, and noted for promoting reconciliation between Arabs and Israelis. Drive to the Mediterranean coast and the site of Caesarea, once the Roman capital of Palestine. See the Crusader fortifications, the Roman amphitheater, aqueduct, and the harbor from where the Apostle Paul was taken to Rome. Continue to Jerus- alem and check into your accommodations located in the Old City. Lutheran Guesthouse (B, D)

FRI 15 JAN  Jerusalem
Stop at the top of the Mount of Olives for a glorious view of Jerusalem and walk down the Palm Sunday Road to the Garden of Gethsemane. During lunch meet with Rev. Mark Brown, Middle East Director of Lutheran World Federation, located on the grounds of Augusta Victoria Hospital. Tour the only hospital that serves Palestin- ian refugees. This afternoon join the Franciscan journey along the Stations of the Cross. Welcome Shabbat at the Western Wall and attend an evening service at a synagogue. Lutheran Guesthouse (B, L, D)

SAT 16 JAN  Jerusalem
This morning visit the Eastern Churches Center and Museum of the Melkite Greek Catholic Patriarchate. Proceed to Mt. Sion to visit St. Peter in Gallicantu, the church that commemorates Peter’s betrayal of Christ, and its model of Byzantine Jerusalem. Continue to the Coenaculum, also called the Upper Room (Mt 14/Lk 22), the traditional site of Jesus’ last supper with his disciples. Lutheran Guesthouse (B, D)

SUN 17 JAN  Jerusalem
There will be options for worship in the Old City this morning including at the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, or spend some time in the Garden of Gethsemane. Tonight dinner at a Philadelphian restaurant. Lutheran Guesthouse (B, L, D)

MON 18 JAN  Jerusalem
Begin the day at the Western Wall and the Temple Mount. The Western Wall is the holiest site in Jerusalem for Jews, and the Temple Mount, or Haram al Sharif, with the Al Aqsa Mosque, is equally sacred to Muslims. Breakfast (no inside visits to the mosques available). See the Church of St. Anne, a 12th-century Crusader church, and the Pool of Bethesda. Dinner at a farewell dinner at the Philadelphia Restaurant this evening. Lutheran Guesthouse (B, D)

TUE 19 JAN  Jerusalem/Departure
Check out of the hotel this morning – two day rooms will be available. This day is entirely free for individual pursuits. You may wish to walk the ramparts, climb the tower of the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, explore the Citadel Museum, attend vespers at the Armenian Cathedral of St. James, join the daily 4pm procession at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, or spend some time in the Old City shops. This evening transfer to the airport for flight check-in and departure at 11:30P. Those extending to Jordan will remain overnight at the guesthouse. (B, D)

WED 20 JAN  Return to U.S.
Pass through immigration and customs in Philadel- phia this morning and connect with the contin- uing flight to Chicago. Arrive home this same day enriched with a new understanding of the an- cient world, the land of the Bible, and the peoples of Israel and Palestine. (B, Meals in-flight)

Code:  Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Itinerary subject to change.
Speakers subject to availability
WED 20 JAN  Jerusalem/Petra
This morning transfer to the Allenby Crossing to Jordan and meet your Jordanian guide, driver and coach. Visit Bethany-beyond-the-Jordan, which has received recognition as the likely site where John baptized Jesus. Continue through the vast desert to the village of Wadi Musa, which embraces the entrance to Petra – one of the Seven Modern Wonders of the World. Beit Zaman (B,D)

THU 21 JAN  Petra
Two thousand years ago the Nabateans carved a city out of rose red rock and it was rediscovered in 1812. Today discover the formerly lost city of Petra during a half-day guided tour. Begin by walking through the dramatic “ciq” or canyon that opens upon the Treasury, El Khazneh, one of the most elegant remains of antiquity. Beyond El Khazneh the visitor is surrounded on both sides by hundreds of Petra’s carved and built structures. Enjoy a full day of touring this amazing, once-hidden world. Beit Zaman (B,D)

FRI 22 JAN  Petra/Tel Aviv/Departure
Depart on the northbound journey to the village of Madeba to see the ancient mosaic map of the Holy Land. Drive to Mount Nebo where Moses viewed the Promised Land and enjoy the dramatic view of the Jordan Valley, Jericho and the Judean hills beyond. Cross the Allenby Bridge to meet your guide and driver for the transfer to Ben Gurion for flight check-in and departure before midnight. (B, Meals in-flight)

SAT 23 JAN  Arrive U.S.
Connect in Philadelphia with the return flight to Chicago. (Meals in-flight)

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WHAT’S INCLUDED?

- AIRFARE: Round-trip economy class airfare from Chicago via US Airways or other ARC/ IATA approved scheduled carrier.
- ACCOMMODATION: Fourteen nights accommodation in Christian guesthouses and superior tourist class hotels, double occupancy, with private facilities.
- MEALS: Breakfast and dinner daily with three lunches as outlined in the itinerary.
- GROUND TRANSPORT: Transfers and transportation by deluxe motorcoach.
- SIGHTSEEING & SPEAKERS: Extensive sightseeing throughout; entrance fees included. Speakers’ honoraria included per the itinerary.
- PORTERAGE: Luggage handling of one piece per person.
- EXPERT GUIDES: An experienced English-speaking tour guide from arrival in Tel Aviv through departure from Tel Aviv.
- GRATUITIES: Gratuities to drivers/guides.
- TAXES: Airport/federal departure tax
- INSURANCE: Travel accident and sickness insurance provided by Wartburg Seminary is included in the tour price; contact Thomas Schattauer for details.
- ALL THE INFO YOU NEED: Comprehensive documentation including travel accessory, bag tags, name tags, flight and land itineraries, destination literature, customs information, travel tips and more.

PARTICIPANT PROFILE
In an email to tschattauer@wartburgseminary.edu, please describe your interest in this study tour and your connection to Wartburg Seminary or Luther College.

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Roommate____________________________

Female Date of Birth _____________________________
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I will pay the supplement for a single room.  Yes. Sign me up for the Jordan extension tour.

Charge my deposit(s) to
Credit Card #______________________________
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COST SUMMARY
$4499

Group Flights From Chicago
Tour Gratuities ($180)...................................................... Included
Airport/Departure Taxes ($664)........................................ Included
*Costs per person based on double occupancy in USD

Optional Individual Supplements
Single Room.................................................................$650

Optional Extension to Jordan............$919
Includes: Two nights in superior tourist class hotels; breakfast daily and two dinners as outlined in the itinerary; transfers and transportation by deluxe motorcoach; sightseeing throughout; entrance fees; experienced English-speaking tour guide for the duration in Jordan; Jordan Entry Visa; border taxes. Not included: Gratuities of $36.

Single Room Supplement=$120.

Flights: The tour cost is per person based on current airfare from Chicago (other cities available), double occupancy, tariffs and currency valuations as of March 2015, a minimum of 20 travelers (10 on the optional extension), and subject to confirmation. While we will do everything possible to maintain the listed price and/or itinerary, they are subject to change due to circumstances beyond our control. Single room supplements may have limited availability and are on a request basis only.

Items Not Included
- Fuel surcharges and/or tax increases levied since the pricing of this tour.
- Beverages other than coffee/tea at breakfast.
- Any meal or sightseeing item not listed in the itinerary.
- Items of a personal nature.
- Optional insurance for trip cancellation/interruption is not included and highly recommended. Please refer to the Travel Insurance section.
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**TOUR CONDITIONS**

**PAYMENT SCHEDULE:** Your reservation and deposit of $400 per person are requested immediately to fulfill the group deadline requirements. Note that space is limited and reservations are taken on a first come, first served basis. A second payment of $1000 is due September 1, 2015. Final payment is due October 30, 2015. For credit card payment Group Travel Directors accepts Visa, MasterCard, or Discover.

**REFUND POLICY:** All cancellations must be in writing. There is no refund for partial or unused land arrangements. Note: Airline tickets will be issued well in advance of departure and may be nonrefundable. The following penalties will apply: Up to August 31, 2015 - $100 per person administrative fee plus any unrecoverable deposits; September 1 – December 20, 2015 – Deposit plus any unrecoverable payments to hotels, tour operators, or airlines; December 21, 2015 or after – No refund.

**CHANGES TO GROUP FLIGHTS:** The group airfare contract for this tour may not allow travelers to make any date or itinerary changes. If you are considering other dates or cities, please submit your request in writing well in advance to secure the best rates and schedule, but no later than September 21, 2015. A minimum fee of $175 per person will apply for changes to group flights in addition to a possible airfare increase.

**LATE BOOKINGS:** Passengers registering within thirty days of tour departure will be charged a $50 per person fee. Tour payment in full is required thirty days of tour departure will be charged a $50
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